RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Miscellaneous Print and Digital Acquisitions:

Premium list booklet, 9th annual exposition, Ephrata Farmer's Day Poultry and Bantam Association, 1928. The exhibition was held in the Ephrata Band Hall, October 10-13. Contains much local advertising. (Donation—Robert Dickersheid)

Program booklet for Camp Silver Belle (Spiritualist Temple of Truth, Inc.), 1942; the camp was open from June 27 through September 7 at the Mountain Springs Hotel, Ephrata. (Anonymous Donation)

Assorted photocopied notes and records relating to the Binkley family and gathered by several researchers and compilers; there are a total of 65 pages, placed in a three-ring binder. Some of the materials appear to have been compiled by F.F. Binkley of Calgary, Alberta, Canada in 1951; others were apparently gathered by Walter L. Sonen of Shillington, Pa. The Binkleys of Cocalico Township are included among the numerous family lines discussed, as are a number of groups from Berks County. (Donation—Debbie Giambalvo)

Photocopied, unpublished, typed Youndt/Jundt (etc.) family history; traces descendants of Hans George Jundt, immigrant to Berks County, George Youndt of Cocalico/Earl Township, and a great many associated lines. There is no attribution; the author is unknown, as is the date of compilation. Dense with Youndt family information. Includes lines of descent from, among numerous others, George Hauck of Cocalico Twp. (Ephrata); Curtis Fry and Catharine Shaeffer of Ephrata Twp.; George Diller (1771-1844); John Ranck (1800-1875); Adam Diller (1783-1835); Jacob Weidman (1762-1816); John Mentzer (1796-1868); George Eichelberger (1773-1848); Gabriel Carpenter (1781-1861); Daniel Royer (1793-1867); Charles Shreiner (1790-1832); and George Kemper (1801-1888). (Donation—Milt Haldeman)

Three issues of "Imagine" magazine (Vol. I, Nos. 1-3), April, May, and June/July, 1976. Published by Lane Publishing Co., Lititz; edited by Joel Westerhoff. (Donation—Joel Westerhoff)

Sheet with 20 baseball-card-sized photographs of Ephrata Borough policemen and detectives, 1996; information concerning each is printed on the reverse of each picture. (Donation—Larry Alexander)

Scanned image of a manuscript marriage certificate for Elizabeth Molerin (Moler/Mohler) and George Kober, married in the York Lutheran Church by Nicholaus Hornell, October 22, 1764. The backing board of the framed original document bears a note reading "Marriage certificate of my Great Grandfather Hon. George Kober (Coover), Oct. 22, 1764 / Father of John Coover, my Grandfather, born Feb'y 22, 1784" and signed "Walter L. Kauffman." (Donation—Peter Kauffman)

Program for the 62nd reunion of the Ludwig Family Association, held September 9, 1973 at Shady Grove Park, Rt. 897. (Donation—Virginia Botchoff)

DVD containing all of the 650+ illustrations used in Clarence E. Spohn's 2012 HSCV publication An Illustrated History of Paper Advertising in the Cocalico Valley: 1795 Through 1950. (Donation—Clarence Spohn)

Card mailed to area residents by antique dealer Bob Lausch of Ephrata, ca. 1950: "There's thousands of dollars worth of old furniture, glass, china, bric-a-brac . . . and the like lying about in countless attics gathering dust . . ." (Donation—Patricia Lausch)

Advertising card for one of Bob Lausch's antique auctions, October 11, 1950. (Donation—Patricia Lausch)

Green Dragon Farmers' Market flier, ca. early 1960's. (Donation—Patricia Lausch)

Humorously-illustrated trade card for Miller's Hotel of Lincoln, operated by Chet and Lilian Miller, ca. early 1950's. Previous owner John Fair sold the hotel to Chet Miller, his half-brother, when he opened a motel on Route 30 near Lancaster. The Millers operated the hotel until they sold it to John Hummer in the 1970s; Hummer restored the building and opened it as the Old Lincoln House. (Donation—Patricia Lausch)

Postcard advertising Lloyd's Mens' Shop, 22 North State Street, Ephrata; postmarked January 1938; single-sheet flier advertising Lloyd's at 109 East Main Street, October, probably also 1938. (Donation—Patricia Lausch)

"Famous Reading Anthracite" blotter printed with the advertising of Harry M. Gerhart, ca. early 1930's. (Donation—Patricia Lausch)

Christmas flier distributed by Dutchmaid Hosiery, Ephrata, n.d.; two additional Dutchmaid fliers. (Donation—Patricia Lausch)

Cloister Company (Ephrata) advertising letter addressed to "prospective [lingerie, hosiery] customers," n.d., ca. 1940's. (Donation—Patricia Lausch)

Gutekunst/Gudikunst family tree (unpublished; in a binder); lists ancestors and descendants of immigrant Friedrich Wilhelm Gutekunst (1835-1863), who settled in the Akron area and married Rebecca Shirker in 1858. The tree traces Wilhelm's ancestry to Michael (1600-1676) and Catharina Helwer Gutekunst of the Black Forest area of Germany; photographs of German sites significant to the family are included. (Donation—John Wilkinson)


The following materials were donated by J. Phillip Eisemann; the print items were initially the gifts of the associated congregations.

Four binders containing numerous compact discs recording interviews conducted by the donor, J. Phillip Eisemann. Each of the binders and its contents relates to a specific theme or to related themes, as follows:
1) The Ephrata Public Library's "Big Read" programs, which involved having as many citizens of the local community as possible read the same book in roughly the same time period. Discussions, lectures, etc. took place in conjunction with the programs, and Eisemann conducted interviews as well. Also included in this set are interviews relating to the development and history of the Ephrata Public Library. (61 recordings)

2) World War II Oral History: interviews with 33 WWII veterans, plus some related interviews with persons "who commented on the War as part of a more comprehensive interview." (42 recordings)

3) Business in the Cocalico Valley: a series of interviews of local persons involved in business. (61 recordings)

4) Religious Life in the Cocalico Valley (continued; an earlier, similar set has already been received): interviews with individuals prominently affiliated with Cocalico Valley area religious congregations. Frequently, the interviewee is the pastor, though many others are included as well; various denominations are represented. (79 recordings)

VHS tape: Recorded interview with Anne Brossman Sweigart, CEO, President and Chairman of the Board of D & E Communications, March, 1999.

Assorted printed histories, etc. gathered by Eisemann in the course of conducting his "Religious Life in the Cocalico Valley" interviews (see above), as follows:

Dedication services program, new church building of the Middle Creek Church of the Brethren, October, 1961. Dedication services program, Middle Creek Church of the Brethren Sunday School rooms and narthex, October, 1979. Dedication services program, Middle Creek Church of the Brethren fellowship hall and gym, October 1986. Dedication services program, Middle Creek Church of the Brethren expanded facilities, September, 1993. Dedication services program, Middle Creek Church of the Brethren educational and social wing, September, 2003.

Middle Creek Church of the Brethren 125th anniversary booklet, 1989.

Mellinger's Lutheran Church 150th anniversary booklet, 2011.


Print items pertaining to the Mt. Airy Union Sunday School, including the following: "Lancaster Sunday News" article on the Mt. Airy Union Sunday School picnic, n.d.; Lancaster Newspapers article on the picnic, August 7, 1996; Homecoming and Community Day celebration programs, June 4, 1995 and June 22, 1997; Centennial Service program, August 11, 1974.

Swamp Lutheran Church addition dedication program, September 25, 2011.

Photocopy of a nine-page typescript history of Gehman's Mennonite Church, Weaverland-Groffdale District, Lancaster Conference, n.d. Photocopy of a seven-page typescript history of Gehman's, n.d. Collection of brief life stories prepared by some of the older members of the Gehman's congregation under the guidance of Mark Musser, ca. 1993; some were composed earlier.


60th Anniversary booklet, Ephrata Church of the Nazarene, 1990.

Hambrick, B.W. *Kairos: Defining Moments.* Bloomington, In.: Westbow Press, 2011. (Describes the work of the author, a minister with the Ephrata Church of the Nazarene.)